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PM/DTCC - BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3 POST-SHIPMENT  
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¶1. (SBU) Per reftel, Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC) MCPO confirmed the Israeli MOD's continued possession of two Gen III FOM 1600 "Astroscope" image intensifiers during an inspection on December 16. The two Astroscope image intensifiers (serial numbers 40992 and 41016) are stored at an IDF facility in Herzliya (approximately 15 kilometers north of Tel Aviv). The image intensifiers are stored within a vault in a secure room accessible by a magnetic card swipe and authorized fingerprint pad. The facility unit commander possesses the key to the vault; the commander must approve any use of the image intensifiers. Facility officers noted that the equipment is visually checked daily; a corresponding weekly report confirming these daily inspections is forwarded to the IDF chain of command. Facility officers claimed the image intensifiers are being used only for the purpose stated on the export license. Kobi Fogler from the MOD's Directorate of Security Defense Establishment (MALMAB) also was present during the inspection.

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